

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are active in the present application. Claims 3 and 7-11 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. The title has been amended to match the title on the International Publication Sheet. No new matter is added. An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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1-16-2002IN THE TITLE

Please delete the title beginning on page 1, line 3 and replace with the following title.

--ALUMINUM NITRIDE SINTERED COMPACT, CERAMIC
SUBSTRATE, CERAMIC HEATER AND ELECTROSTATIC CHUCK--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

--3. (Amended) The aluminum nitride sintered body according to claim 1 [or 2],
wherein said aluminum nitride sintered body contains oxygen.

7. (Amended) The ceramic substrate according to claim 5 [or 6],
wherein said ceramic substrate comprises nitride ceramic and said nitride ceramic
contains sulfur therein.

8. (Amended) The ceramic substrate according to [any of claims 5 to 7] claim 5,
wherein the content of said sulfur is in a range of 0.05 to 200 ppm.

9. (Amended) The ceramic substrate according to [any of claims 5 to 8] claim 5,
wherein said ceramic substrate contains oxygen.

10. (Amended) A ceramic heater,
wherein the ceramic substrate according to [any of claims 5 to 9] claim 5 is used.

11. (Amended) An electrostatic chuck,

wherein the ceramic substrate according to [any of claims 5 to 9] claim 5 is used.--

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